

SPF SIG Monthly Summary

September 2005

Workgroups:

The *Executive Management Team*: met on September 7th and gave updates on and discussed the following: the essential services Request for Proposal (6 awards); the Parent Media Campaign winner has been selected; Center for Substance Abuse Prevention has released guidance for the strategic plan; the draft interview questions for the strategic plan; National Outcome Measures (NOM's) for Maine; status of the literature review by the University of Maine at Orono; and the status of Office of Substance Abuse (OSA) / Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF-SIG) collaboration with the Healthy Maine Partnership effort (there will be a half-time employee funded to do substance abuse prevention in each Healthy Maine Partnership).

The *Strategies for Healthy Youth Workgroup (SHY)* met on September 7th and discussed the following items: the Maine Youth Suicide Prevention Program (MYSPP) will extend its Center for Disease Control and Prevention project to 12 Maine schools to July 2006; MYSPP will also be looking at their plan to try to reduce suicide rates and improve school climate; the workgroup revisited the possibility of having community representation on the SHY- the conclusion remained the same that as of right now the group should continue with its current makeup and may identify an ad hoc group to contact when needed; the capacity assessment workshop we have scheduled October 24 and 25; and passed out the Professional Development Self Assessment form.

The *Prevention Centers of Excellence with OSA* met September 30th and discussed the draft interview tools that will be used to gather information for the strategic plan and Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping. This group also decided to change meeting to every other month, as needed and would like the meeting to be run by agenda.

The State Epidemiology Workgroup met September 12th and started to discuss the prescription drug matrix, due to the complexity of this matrix (many classifications of drugs, definitions,...) and that it is not necessary for our initial needs the group decided to table the matrix. The priorities for what we need now are alcohol, marijuana, and other illicit substances. Sandeep will continue to gather.

The *SPF-SIG Staff* met September 1st and 29th the team discussed expectations of one another, challenges of the data collection. The team will have regular meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursday's of the month from 9:00-10:00.

The *Unified Governance Structure Study* team met September 21 in Ellsworth. A one-pager of each participating coalition mission statements was distributed. The team worked on creating a common visual design that each group will use to represent their coalition. Invoices should be paid to Youth Promises for payment to the Consultant. Discussed one item of success of a coalition depends on peoples talents versus skills. Identified need to look at qualities of leaders and classification of coalitions.

Other Items:

- Anne Rogers, Helaine Hornby and Barbara Pierce attended the SPF-SIG Evaluation meeting in Maryland. Anne Rogers signed Maine up to be a pilot site for the assessments from CSAP so Maine will have input into the instruments.

- Helaine Hornby signed up to be on the NOM's work group.
- Barbara Pierce signed up to be on the Community Assessment workgroup.
- Anne Rogers signed up to be on the common measures of implementation of environmental strategies.